

<i>State/U. T.</i>	<i>Number of Blocks</i>
West Bengal	128
A & N Island	2
Chandigarh	-
D & N Haveli	1
Daman & Diu	1
Delhi	-
Lakshadweep	5
Pondicherry	-

Andhra Pradesh has confirmed that erstwhile block equivalents of Mandals identified as 120 only. In Sikkim, Districts have been taken as block equivalents.

[English]

Tapping of Resources by State Governments

3708. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government monitor tapping of resources by State Governments for development plans;

(b) if so, the States which did not succeed in tapping sufficient resources for development plans during the last three years; and

(c) the action, if the Union Government propose to take against defaulting State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Most of the State have not mobilised the proposed/committed levels of additional resources for plans during the last three years. In case of special category State, additional resources mobilised were not considered for planing as these were left to improve negative balance from current revenues.

(c) In the case of State having actual resource mobilisation short to proposed levels and thus total resources, the outlays are revised downward, compared to the approved outlay. Furthermore, Central assistance is cut in case of shortfalls in expenditure for earmarked sectors against revised outlay approved by the Planning Commission.

Scheme for Second Channel of Door-darshan

3709. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has cleared multi-million scheme to establish the second National Channel of Door-darshan;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c). The scheme is among those proposed by Ministry of information and Broadcasting for implementation in the Eighth Five Year plan, 1992-97. The planning Commission agrees with this in principle. However, its details have not